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1. HERewith FULL TEXT VICTOR ZORZA EDITORIAL, TUESDAY, MAY 7, WASHINGTON POST HEADLINED "KISSINGER'S LATEST NEWS LEAKS"
2. EYEWITNESSES WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS PERFORMED ON CHILDREN TO "EXTRACT THEIR BLOOD, GOUGE THEIR EYES, CUT OUT THEIR INTESTINES, AND BOIL THEM IN OIL" RECENTLY ADDRESSED A MASS MEETING IN PAOSHAN, IN CHINA.
3. THE GRISLY DETAILS, AS BROADCAST BY THE LOCAL RADIO, WERE INTENDED TO DRIVE HOME THE LESSON THAT THE "IMPERIALISTS" WHO HAD IN THIS WAY "SLAUGHTERED" 2,000 CHINESE CHILDREN BEFORE CHINA'S LIBERATION WERE NO BETTER NOW THAN THEY HAD BEEN THEN. THE NATIONALITY OF THE "IMPERIALISTS" WAS NOT SPECIFIED, BUT THE BROADCAST LEFT THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE AMERICANS.
4. THE U.S.-CHINESE HONEYMOON ARRANGED BY DR. HENRY KISSINGER, DURING WHICH ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA HAD VIRTUALLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE CHINESE PRESS AND RADIO, IS OBVIOUSLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN DANGER. ON THE SINO-SOVIET FRONT, TOO, THE KREMLIN

THREAT ABOUT THE "INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES" THAT WILL FOLLOW
IF CHINA FAILS TO RELEASE THE RECENTLY DETAINED SOVIET

HELICOPTER CREW PROVIDES A NEW DANGER SIGNAL.

5. WHY SHOULD PEKING SEEM TO INVITE TROUBLE WITH BOTH
MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AT THE SAME TIME? IT DOES NOT
MAKE POLITICAL SENSE, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF KISSINGER'S
PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR
BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA. HE BELIEVES THAT THE NEXT THREE
YEARS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THERE WILL BE WAR OR PEACE
BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA. HE THINKS THAT THE MOST
DANGEROUS TIME IS NOW, BECAUSE THREE YEARS FROM NOW CHINA'S
NUCLEAR ARSENAL WILL BE TOO POWERFUL TO BE ATTACKED BY
RUSSIA WITHOUT RISK OF RETALIATION.

6. SOME OF KISSINGER'S CRITICS SUSPECT THAT HE HAD AN
ULTERIOR POLITICAL MOTIVE IN LEAKING THIS ESTIMATE TO A
WASHINGTON COLUMNIST. WAS HE IMPLYING THAT THIS WAS TOO
DANGEROUS A TIME TO IMPEACH PRESIDENT NIXON? IT CERTAINLY
SEEMS SO.

7. KISSINGER'S ARGUMENT IS THAT WE ARE NOW ENTERING A
CRUCIAL PERIOD WHICH WILL DECIDE NOT ONLY THE QUESTION
OF WAR AND PEACE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA. IT WILL ALSO
DETERMINE, HE BELIEVES, WHETHER THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE WILL
GET OUT OF CONTROL, WHETHER PEACE OR WAR COULD PREVAIL IN
THE MIDEAST, WHETHER EUROPE WILL RESUME ITS PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE UNITED STATES OR PROVOKE A U.S. RETREAT INTO
ISOLATION.

8. THE RULES OF THE WASHINGTON GAME -- WHICH HAVE TO BE
UNDERSTOOD IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE THE POLITICAL ROLE OF
LEAKS -- WOULD NORMALLY PREVENT A COLUMNIST FROM
ATTRIBUTING A LEAK DIRECTLY TO KISSINGER, AND FROM
DISCUSSING HIS MOTIVES. HAPPILY, KISSINGER'S LATEST
LEAK APPEARED IN A NEW YORK COLUMN BY JAMES RESTON, THE
MOST RESPECTED OF WASHINGTON'S COLUMNISTS. THIS MAKES
IT POSSIBLE TO APPLY TO IT A YARDSTICK WHICH, AS KISSINGER
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ONCE CONFIDED TO THIS WRITER, HE USES HIMSELF WHEN READING
WASHINGTON COLUMNS. HE READS THEM, HE SAYS, NOT FOR THE
INFORMATION THEY CONTAIN, BUT TO FIND OUT WHO IN WASHINGTON
IS LEAKING WHAT TO WHOM AND WHY.

9. IT MUST BE LEFT TO THE ANALYST OF AMERICAN DOMESTIC
POLITICS TO MEASURE, IN KEEPING WITH KISSINGER'S OWN YARD-
STICK, THE EXTENT -- IF ANY -- WHICH HIS LEAK WAS

INTENDED TO HELP MR. NIXON. WHAT THE FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST MUST DO IS POINT OUT THAT KISSINGER'S PERIODIC OUTBURSTS OF ALARM ABOUT A SOVIET ATTACK ON CHINA PRE-DATE MR. NIXON'S TROUBLES.

10. MOSCOW'S OWN RESPONSE TO SUCH LEAKS IN THE PAST MUST NOT BE IGNORED. THE KREMLIN SEES THEM AS ATTEMPTS TO PERPETUATE THE SINO-SOVIET RIFT BY CONVINCING PEKING THAT IT IS IN SERIOUS DANGER FROM RUSSIA. THIS IN TURN MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR KISSINGER TO PLAY THE CHINA CARD IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MOSCOW -- AS HE DID, WITH CONSIDERABLE EFFECT, DURING THE SALT I NEGOTIATIONS.

11. BUT PEKING IS NOT NOW MOVING CLOSER TO WASHINGTON. THE GORY BROADCAST FROM PAOSHAN IS ONLY THE MOST DRAMATIC SIGN OF MOVES IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. THEY FIRST BECAME EVIDENT LAST SUMMER -- BUT WHEN THEY WERE PUT TO KISSINGER, HE DISMISSED THEM AS OF NO CONSEQUENCE. HE INSISTED THAT THE PEKING LEADERSHIP DEBATE WAS CONCERNED WITH DOMESTIC ISSUES, AND THAT ANYWAY IT HAD BEEN "ESSENTIALLY TERMINATED" BY SEPTEMBER.

12. WHEN IT BECAME OBVIOUS RECENTLY THAT THE QUARREL, FAR FROM HAVING ENDED, WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY BITTER, HE ASKED THE CIA FOR A SPECIAL ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT THE DEBATE MIGHT HAVE ON U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS. THE CIA COULD NO LONGER MAINTAIN THAT THE DEBATE HAD BEEN "TERMINATED," BUT IT AGAIN CONCLUDED THAT FOREIGN POLICY PLAYED NO MAJOR ROLE IN IT. BUT, AS A LATER COLUMN WILL ARGUE, THE CIA IS WRONG AGAIN.

13. THE WEST HAS REPEATEDLY MADE MAJOR BLUNDERS IN ITS VIEW OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE REFUSAL OF MOST
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GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC ANALYSTS TO ACCEPT 15 YEARS AGO THE EVIDENCE WHICH POINTED TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE THEN SECRET MOSCOW-PEKING QUARREL IS NOW ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE BEEN AN ERROR OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS. THE PRESENT REFUSAL TO ABANDON THE NEW CONVENTIONAL WISDOM COULD HAVE EQUALLY FAR-REACHING REPERCUSSIONS ON THE WHOLE FUTURE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. (END TEXT) RUSH

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